



MIDWEST
RELIABILITY
ORGANIZATION

Meeting Agenda

Compliance Monitoring Enforcement Program Advisory Council (CMEPAC)

September 21, 2022
9:00 am to 4:00 pm central

Via Webex

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MRO ORGANIZATIONAL GROUP GUIDING PRINCIPLES

These MRO Organizational Group Guiding Principles complement charters. When the Principles are employed by members, they will support the overall purpose of the organizational groups.

Organizational Group Members should:

1. **Make every attempt to attend all meetings in person or via webinar.**
2. **Be responsive to requests, action items, and deadlines.**
3. **Be active and involved in all organizational group meetings by reviewing all pre-meeting materials and being focused and engaged during the meeting.**
4. **Be self-motivating, focusing on outcomes during meetings and implementing work plans to benefit MRO and MRO's registered entities.**
5. **Ensure that the organizational group supports MRO strategic initiatives in current and planned tasks.**
6. **Be supportive of Highly Effective Reliability Organization (HEROTM) principles.**
7. **Be supportive of proactive initiatives that improve effectiveness and efficiency for MRO and MRO's registered entities.**

MRO CMEPAC Q3 MEETING AGENDA

Agenda Item

- 1 Call to Order and Determination of Quorum**
Terri Pyle, CMEP Advisory Council Chair
 - a. Determination of Quorum
CMEPAC Meeting Secretary
 - b. Robert's Rules of Order
- 2 Standards of Conduct and Antitrust Guidelines**
Terri Pyle, CMEP Advisory Council Chair
- 3 Diversity Initiative**
Julie Peterson, Assistant Corporate Secretary and Senior Counsel
- 4 Newsletter Publication Process and New MRO Website**
Jessie Mitchell, Director of Communication
- 5 CMEPAC Charter Review**
Terri Pyle, CMEP Advisory Council Chair
- 6 CMEP Quarterly Discussion**
Bill Steiner, MRO Director of Risk Assessment & Mitigation
Jeff Norman, MRO Director of Compliance Monitoring
Tasha Ward, MRO Director of Enforcement and External Affairs
- 7 Ask CMEPAC**
Terri Pyle, CMEP Advisory Council Chair

Break – 10:00 a.m.

- 8 Subteam Reports**
 - a. Conference Subteam
Terri Pyle, CMEP Advisory Council Chair
 - b. Newsletter Subteam
Mark Buchholz, CMEPAC Member
 - c. Monthly Call
Carl Stelly, CMEPAC Member
 - d. Webinar Subteam
Terri Pyle, CMEPAC Chair
- 9 Standing Reports**
 - a. NERC Compliance and Certification Committee (NERC CCC)
Erin Cullum Marcussen, NERC CCC Member
 - b. Facilities Ratings Task Force (FRTF)
Jon Radloff, FRTF CMEPAC Representative
 - c. NERC Standards Committee (NERC SC)
Troy Brumfield, NERC SC Member
 - d. MRO NERC Standards Review Forum (NSRF)
George Brown, NSRF Chair
 - e. SPP Reliability Compliance Advisory Group (RCAG)
Mark Buchholz, CMEPAC and RCAG Member
 - f. MidContinent Compliance Forum (MCCF)
Mark Buchholz, CMEPAC and MCCF Member
 - g. NERC Reliability and Security Technical Committee (NERC RSTC)
Terri Pyle, CMEPAC Chair

**MEETING AGENDA – Compliance Monitoring Enforcement Program Advisory Council
(CMEPAC) – September 21, 2022**

Lunch 12:00 p.m.

10 Work Plan Updates

Terri Pyle, CMEP Advisory Council Chair

11 Regional Risk Assessment Update

Mark Tiemeier, Principal Technical Advisor, MRO

Break – 1:30 p.m.

12 Risk Document Review and Discussion

Jeff Norman, Director of Compliance Monitoring, MRO

Terri Pyle, CMEP Advisory Council Chair

George Brown, NSRF Chair

13 Self-Cert Process Continuous Improvement Effort

Jeff Norman, Director of Compliance Monitoring, MRO

14 Action Item Review

CMEPAC Meeting Secretary

15 Other Business and Adjourn

Terri Pyle, CMEP Advisory Council Chair

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

b. Robert's Rules of Order
Terri Pyle, CMEPAC Chair

Parliamentary Procedures. Based on Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, Tenth Edition

Establishing a Quorum. In order to make efficient use of time at MRO organizational group meetings, once a quorum is established, the meeting will continue, however, no votes will be taken unless a quorum is present at the time any vote is taken.

Motions. Unless noted otherwise, all procedures require a "second" to enable discussion.

When you want to...	Procedure	Debatable	Comments
Raise an issue for discussion	Move	Yes	The main action that begins a debate.
Revise a Motion currently under discussion	Amend	Yes	Takes precedence over discussion of main motion. Motions to amend an amendment are allowed, but not any further. The amendment must be germane to the main motion, and cannot reverse the intent of the main motion.
Reconsider a Motion already resolved	Reconsider	Yes	Allowed only by member who voted on the prevailing side of the original motion. Second by anyone.
End debate	Call for the Question or End Debate	No	If the Chair senses that the committee is ready to vote, he may say "if there are no objections, we will now vote on the Motion." Otherwise, this motion is not debatable and subject to majority approval.
Record each member's vote on a Motion	Request a Roll Call Vote	No	Takes precedence over main motion. No debate allowed, but the members must approve by majority.
Postpone discussion until later in the meeting	Lay on the Table	Yes	Takes precedence over main motion. Used only to postpone discussion until later in the meeting.
Postpone discussion until a future date	Postpone until	Yes	Takes precedence over main motion. Debatable only regarding the date (and time) at which to bring the Motion back for further discussion.

Remove the motion for any further consideration	Postpone indefinitely	Yes	Takes precedence over main motion. Debate can extend to the discussion of the main motion. If approved, it effectively “kills” the motion. Useful for disposing of a badly chosen motion that cannot be adopted or rejected without undesirable consequences.
Request a review of procedure	Point of order	No	Second not required. The Chair or secretary shall review the parliamentary procedure used during the discussion of the Motion.

Notes on Motions

Seconds. A Motion must have a second to ensure that at least two members wish to discuss the issue. The “seconder” is not required to be recorded in the minutes. Neither are motions that do not receive a second.

Announcement by the Chair. The chair should announce the Motion before debate begins. This ensures that the wording is understood by the membership. Once the Motion is announced and seconded, the Committee “owns” the motion, and must deal with it according to parliamentary procedure.

Voting

Voting Method	When Used	How Recorded in Minutes
	When the Chair senses that the Committee is substantially in agreement, and the Motion needed little or no debate. No actual vote is taken.	The minutes show “by unanimous consent.”
Vote by Voice	The standard practice.	The minutes show Approved or Not Approved (or Failed).
Vote by Show of Hands (tally)	To record the number of votes on each side when an issue has engendered substantial debate or appears to be divisive. Also used when a Voice Vote is inconclusive. (The Chair should ask for a Vote by Show of Hands when requested by a member).	The minutes show both vote totals, and then Approved or Not Approved (or Failed).

Vote by Roll Call	To record each member's vote. Each member is called upon by the Secretary, and the member indicates either "Yes," "No," or "Present" if abstaining.	The minutes will include the list of members, how each voted or abstained, and the vote totals. Those members for which a "Yes," "No," or "Present" is not shown are considered absent for the vote.
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Notes on Voting.

Abstentions. When a member abstains, he/she is not voting on the Motion, and his/her abstention is not counted in determining the results of the vote. The Chair should not ask for a tally of those who abstained.

Determining the results. A simple majority of the votes cast is required to approve an organizational group recommendations or decision.

"Unanimous Approval." Can only be determined by a Roll Call vote because the other methods do not determine whether every member attending the meeting was actually present when the vote was taken, or whether there were abstentions.

Electronic Votes – For an e-mail vote to pass, the requirement is a simple majority of the votes cast during the time-period of the vote as established by the Committee Chair.

Majorities. Per Robert's Rules, as well as MRO Policy and Procedure 3, a simple majority (one more than half) is required to pass motions.

Standards of Conduct and Anti-Trust Guidelines

Terri Pyle, CMEPAC Chair

Standards of Conduct Reminder:

Standards of Conduct prohibit MRO staff, committee, subcommittee, and task force members from sharing non-public transmission sensitive information with anyone who is either an affiliate merchant or could be a conduit of information to an affiliate merchant.

Anti-trust Reminder:

Participants in Midwest Reliability Organization meeting activities must refrain from the following when acting in their capacity as participants in Midwest Reliability Organization activities (i.e. meetings, conference calls, and informal discussions):

- Discussions involving pricing information; and
- Discussions of a participants marketing strategies; and
- Discussions regarding how customers and geographical areas are to be divided among competitors; and
- Discussions concerning the exclusion of competitors from markets; and
- Discussions concerning boycotting or group refusals to deal with competitors, vendors, or suppliers.

Diversity Initiative

Julie Peterson, Assistant Corporate Secretary and Senior Counsel

Action

Information

Report

Julie Peterson will present on MRO's diversity initiative in regards to the upcoming advisory council, organizational group, and NERC working group nomination periods.

Newsletter Publication Process and New MRO Website

Jessie Mitchell, Director of Communication

Action

Information

Report

Jessie Mitchell will present on the new MRO website and the publication process of newsletter articles to MRO's site.

CMEPAC Charter Review

Terri Pyle, CMEPAC Chair

Action

Review CMEPAC Charter and vote to recommend any proposed changes to the OGOC for approval.

Report

The charter for the CMEPAC will start on the next page.



MRO Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program Advisory Council Charter

January 1, 2022

I. Purpose

The MRO Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program Advisory Council (MRO CMEPAC) is a MRO Organizational Group that provides advice and counsel to MRO's Board of Directors (board), the board's Organizational Group Oversight Committee (OGOC), staff, members and registered entities on topics such as the development, retirement, and application of NERC Reliability Standards, risk assessment, compliance monitoring, and the enforcement of applicable standards. The MRO CMEPAC increases outreach and awareness in these key areas.

II. Membership

Pursuant to [Policy and Procedure 3 – Establishment, Responsibilities, and Procedures of Organizational Groups and MRO Sponsored Representative on NERC Organizational Groups](#), membership on Councils is based on experience and expertise. No more than two members of the Council may be an employee of a single entity or affiliated entities. At least three sectors will be represented on the Council. To the extent practicable, membership will reflect geographic diversity and balanced sector representation. MRO staff will solicit volunteers from MRO Members.

Individuals with expertise and experience in the areas of power systems operations or planning, physical security or cybersecurity, NERC Reliability Standards processes, and/or implementation of compliance programs serve on the MRO CMEPAC.

The MRO CMEPAC is comprised of 15 members. All Advisory Council members will have a three year term. Nominations for open positions on the MRO CMEPAC will be submitted to the MRO CMEPAC for review. The MRO CMEPAC, with input from MRO staff, will recommend the candidate(s) best suited for the open position(s) based on experience, expertise and geographic diversity to the board's OGOC, which will appoint the members of the MRO CMEPAC.

The MRO CMEPAC will annually elect its chair and vice chair pursuant to the process and terms outlined in Policy and Procedure 3.

III. Key Objectives and Responsibilities

Key objectives and responsibilities of the MRO CMEPAC include:

- Annually develop a work plan in coordination with MRO staff to support the MRO Strategic Plan and Metrics for approval by the OGOC and report performance progress.
- Serve as subject matter experts for MRO registered entities, members, other organizational groups, staff, as well as the board and its committees. This responsibility includes acting as the stakeholder peer group during a facts and circumstances conference with a registered entity related to contested violation(s), penalty, or Mitigation Plan(s), consistent with NERC Rules of Procedure and the CMEP.

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- Maintain awareness of work by industry, NERC, and other Regional Entity organizational groups to avoid or minimize duplicative efforts, and to partner and coordinate where appropriate.
- Recommend the establishment of subgroups to support the CMEPAC work plan as appropriate. Oversee and provide direction to any subgroups.
- Propose new, modifications to, or the retirement of, regional or continent-wide Reliability Standards based on risk.
- Maintain the Midwest Reliability Organization Regional Reliability Standards Process Manual, and serve the roles noted for the Compliance and Standards Committees in the manual.
- Review and provide comments on the MRO Annual CMEP Implementation Plan as presented by MRO staff.
- Provide feedback to MRO staff on CMEP activities.
- Conduct outreach and awareness to promote compliance:
 - Provide non-binding MRO Standard Application Guides (SAGs) to assist stakeholders in understanding NERC Reliability Standards and approaches to meet requirements.
 - Consider noncompliance data provided by MRO staff to determine if there are opportunities for additional outreach and awareness.
 - Facilitate and lead the design of the Annual MRO CMEP Workshop by identifying topics and speakers. Present at the workshop as appropriate.
 - Support Midwest Reliability Matters by suggesting topics and/or writing articles.
 - Share best practices and other pertinent information.
 - Develop a Highly Effective Reliability Organization (HERO) outreach effort to help registered entities assess and improve their own reliability and compliance practices, as well as distill and communicate lessons learned from issues of non-compliance.
- Recommend individuals to represent MRO as representatives on NERC organizational groups to the OGOC.
- Provide guidance and communicate expectations to MRO NERC representatives, receive reports from the MRO NERC representatives, and disseminate the information as directed by the OGOC.
- Support the applicable NERC program areas.
- Annually review the charter and propose changes as needed to the OGOC.

IV. Meetings

The MRO CMEPAC will meet quarterly or as necessary, in person or via conference call and/or web meeting. Once a year-Each quarter, the MRO CMEPAC Chair, Vice Chair, or CMEPAC member delegate will meet with the OGOC the day before a regularly scheduled board meeting.

All MRO Council chairs and vice chairs will meet with the OGOC the day before the fourth quarter regularly scheduled board meeting to review the Council's accomplishments during the past year and to develop work plans for the following year.

Meetings of the MRO CMEPAC are open to public attendance; however, the meeting may be called into closed session by the chair or vice chair. Additional meeting requirements related to agendas and minutes, voting and proxy, and rules of conduct are outlined in MRO Policy and Procedure 3 – Establishment,

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Responsibilities, and Procedures of Organizational Groups and MRO Representation on NERC Organizational Groups.

V. Costs

Meeting costs incurred by MRO CMEPAC members are reimbursable by MRO according to Policy and Procedure 2–Expense Reimbursement.

VI. Reporting Requirements

~~The chair or vice chair of the MRO CMEPAC will provide an oral report to the OGOC regarding the Council's work as well as any emerging issues during the annual scheduled meeting. Q~~During the other quarterly meetings, the chair or vice chair of the MRO CMEPAC will provide a written report to the OGOC. The chair or vice chair of the MRO CMEPAC will provide a report to the OGOC during the fourth quarter meeting of the OGOC reviewing past accomplishments and highlighting work for the coming year.

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CMEP Quarterly Report Discussion

Bill Steiner, Director of Risk Assessment & Mitigation

Jeff Norman, Director of Compliance Monitoring

Tasha Ward, Director of Enforcement and External Affairs

Action

Information

Report

Bill Steiner, Jeff Norman, and Tasha Ward will lead a Q&A discussion during the meeting. The report is available on the collaboration site.

AskCMEPAC

Terri Pyle, CMEPAC Chair

Action

Discussion

Report

Chair Pyle will lead this discussion during the meeting. The AskCMEPAC tracker is available on the collaboration site.

Subteam Reports

- a. Conference Subteam
*Terri Pyle, CMEP Advisory
Council Chair*

Action

Information

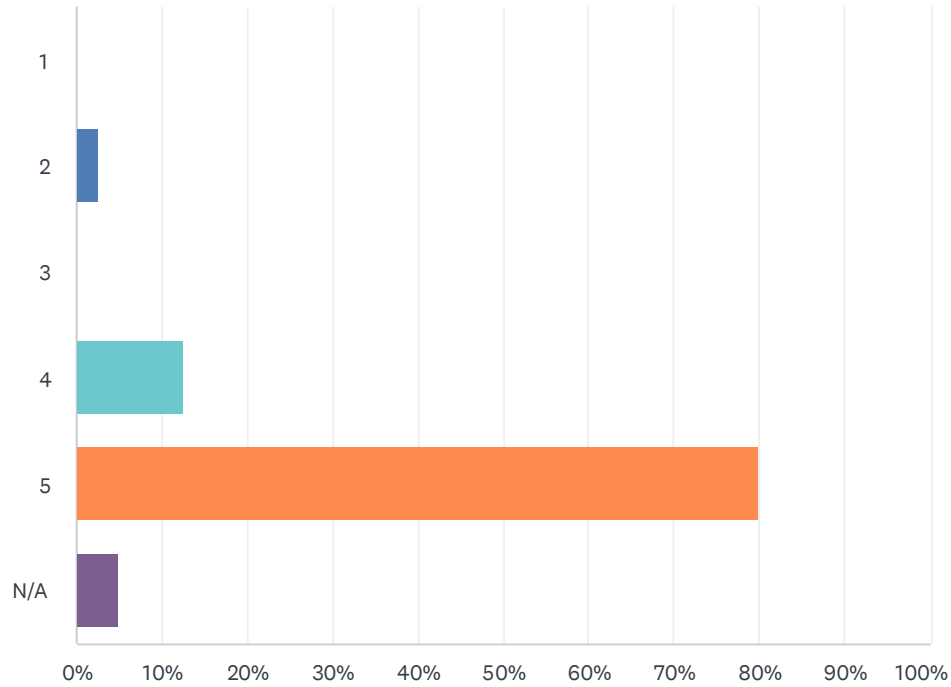
Report

The CMEP conference feedback will begin on the next page.

Suggested topics for future conferences:	Other Comments:
Open-Ended Response	Open-Ended Response
- discussion of HEROS questions and the MRO responses—share as guidance or FAQ on website	- Remote presenters should all use video
Best Business Practices Major Changes at the ERO	Great conference. Glad to be back in person. Thanks for hosting the meet & greet!
continue to focus on controls related topics. A session on controls testing programs would be great.	Good agenda with valuable topics
Continue with the geopolitical discussions, steps to mature compliance programs, examples of MRO review and assessment of internal controls, significant new and changing.	More time for questions set up for speakers was great. One improvement would be a display for speakers showing their notes.
Dynamic Cine Ratings + FAC-008 (guidance, best practices, audit approach)	The CMEPAC and MRO staff did a very good job organizing and hosting the conference!
More information on Federal policy. As mandatory compliance matures, there seems to be a stronger correlation between federal policy and the requirements that find their way into the standards.	Like the Hybrid (In person / Webex) option!
	Great job by all!
	Great conference! Thank you!
	I already submitted a survey but have an additional comment. Provide a way to submit anonymous questions eg slido
	I liked how there was some more basic material that was suitable for the newer compliance person. The lunch was excellent!

Q1 Emcee: Joe DePoorter, Director, NERC Compliance & Generation Operations, Madison Gas and Electric Company

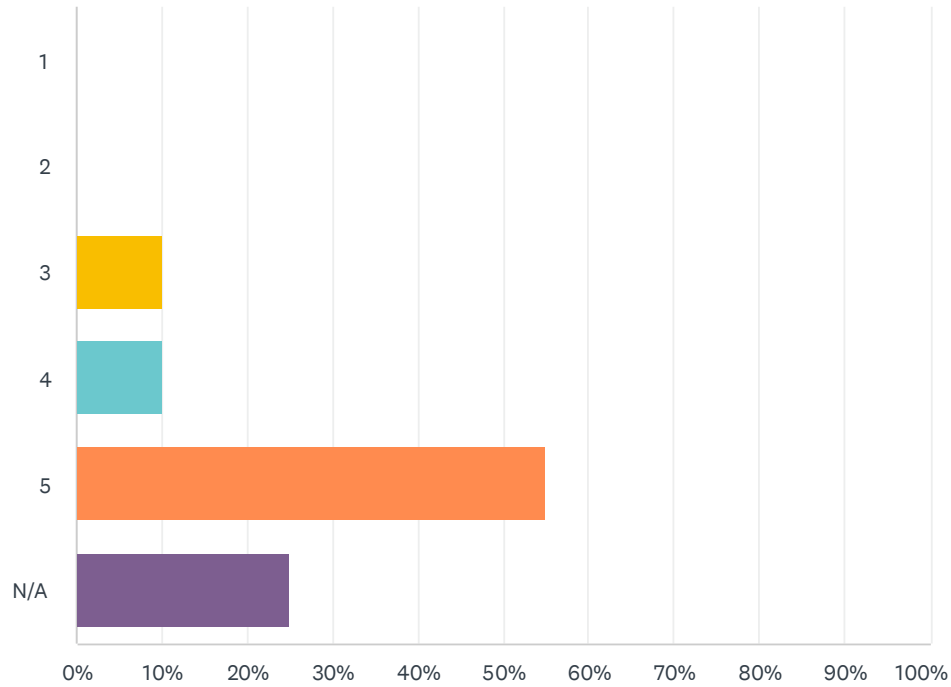
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Q2 Welcome: Tiffany Lake, Director, FERC & NERC Compliance, Evergy, MRO CMEPAC Vice Chair

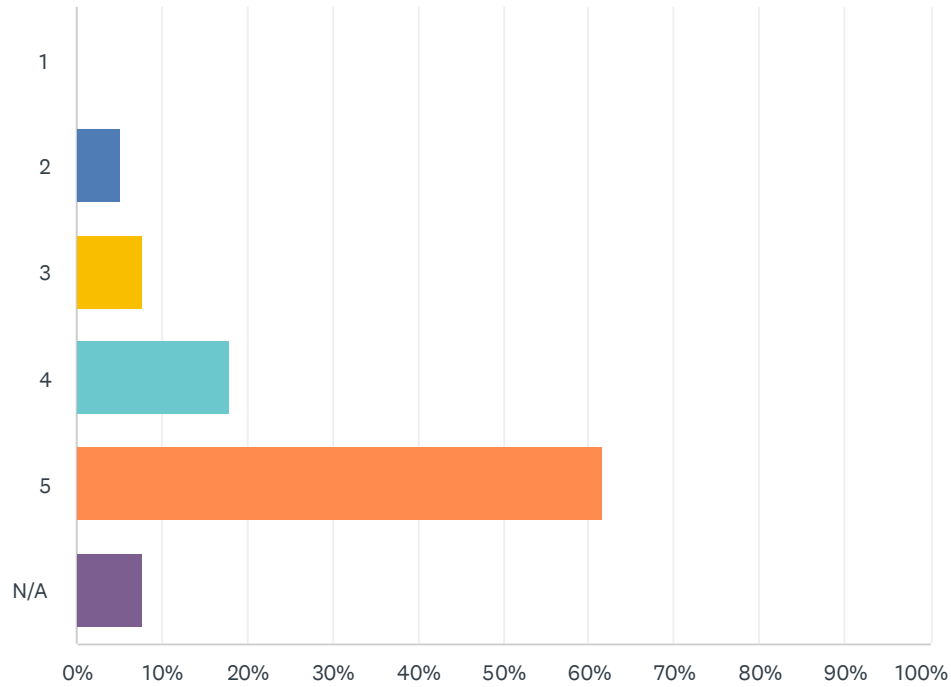
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Q3 CMEPAC Plug: Terri Pyle, Director, Utility Operational Compliance, Oklahoma Gas & Electric, CMEPAC Chair

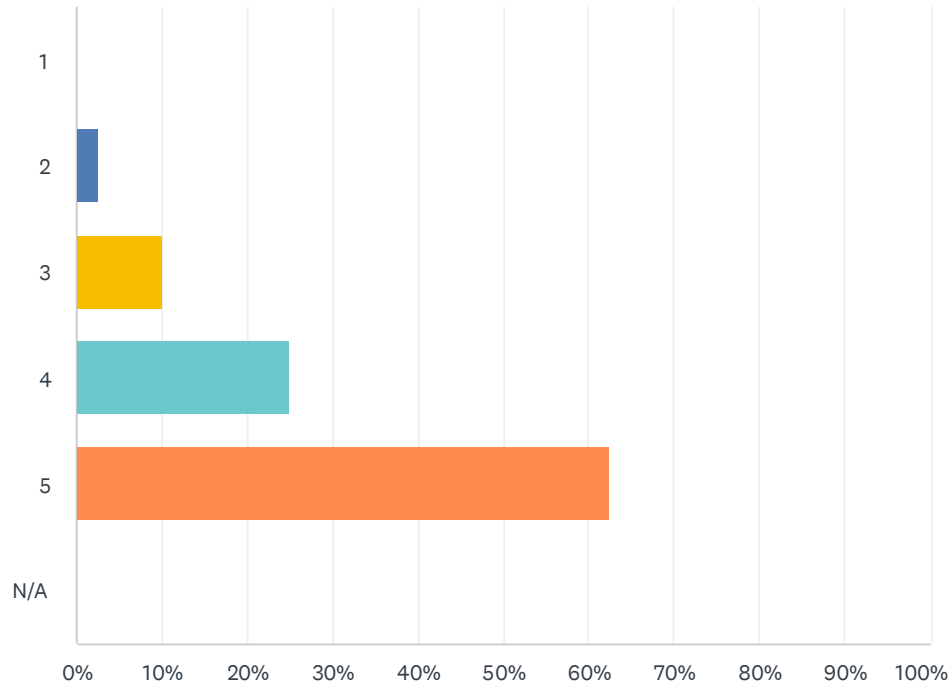
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Q4 Keynote Speaker: Assessing and Mitigating Regional BPS Risk: Sara Patrick, President and CEO, MRO

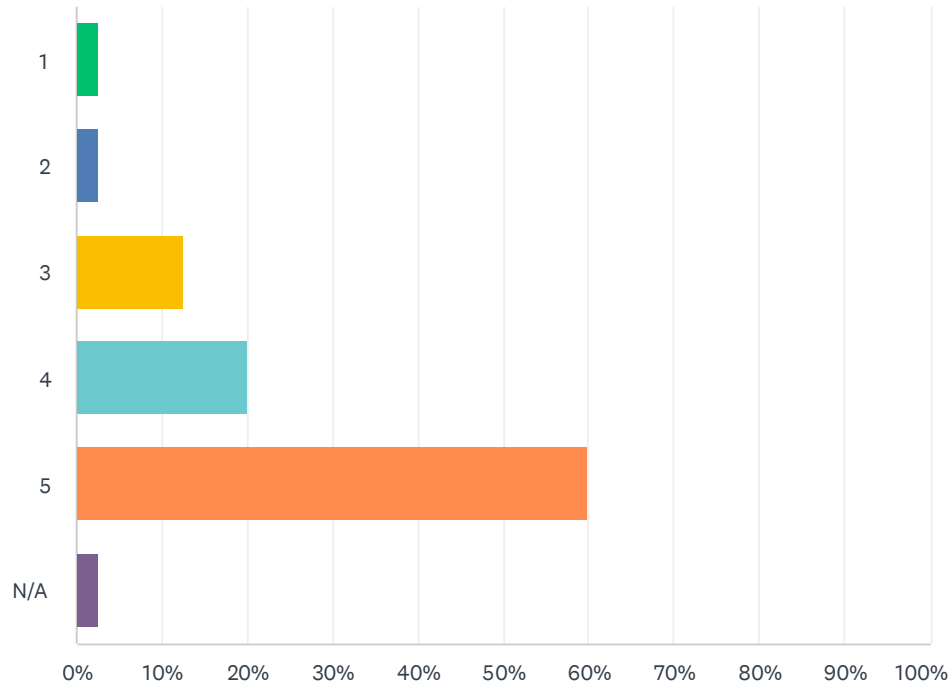
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Q5 Geopolitical Tensions - Overview and SAC: Brett Lawler, Senior Threat Intelligence Consultant, Xcel Energy

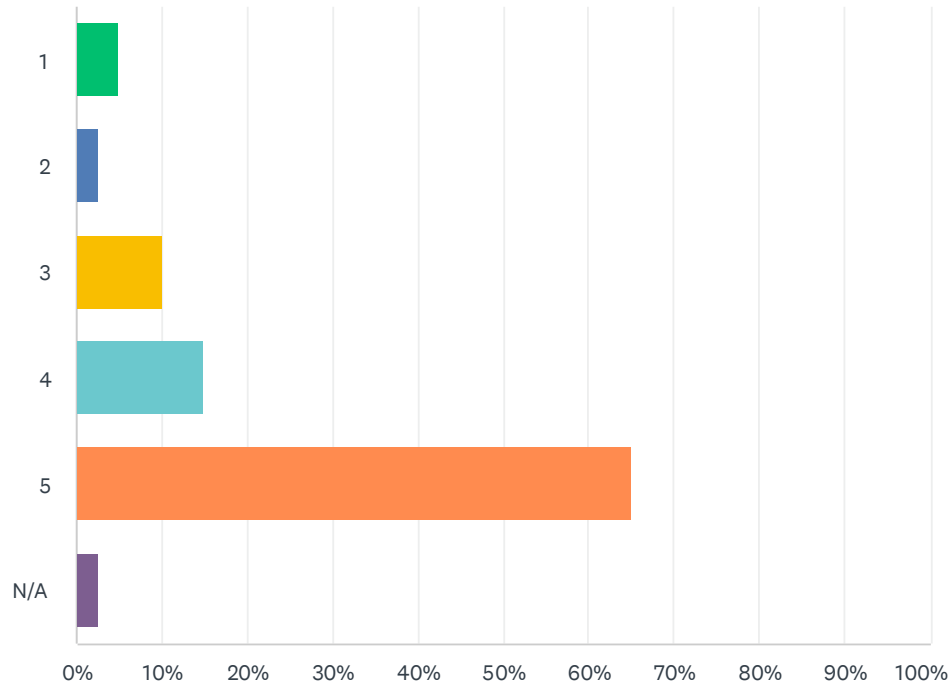
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Q6 Geopolitical Tensions - Overview and SAC: Jennifer Flandermeyer, Director, Federal Regulatory Affairs, Evergy

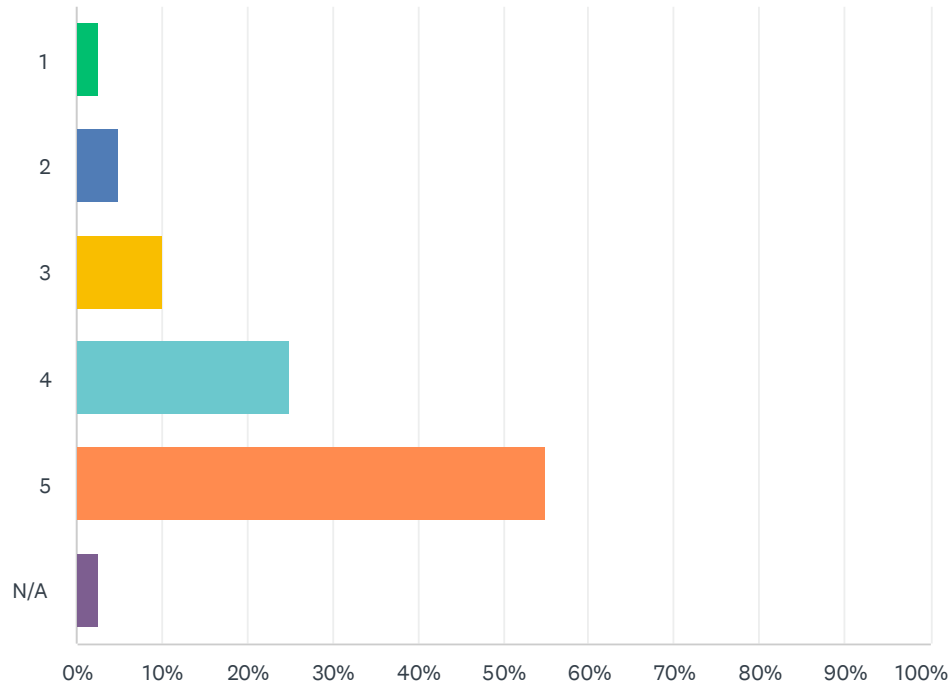
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4	15.00%	6
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Q7 Geopolitical Tensions - Overview and SAC: John Rhea, Vice President, Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer, Ameren

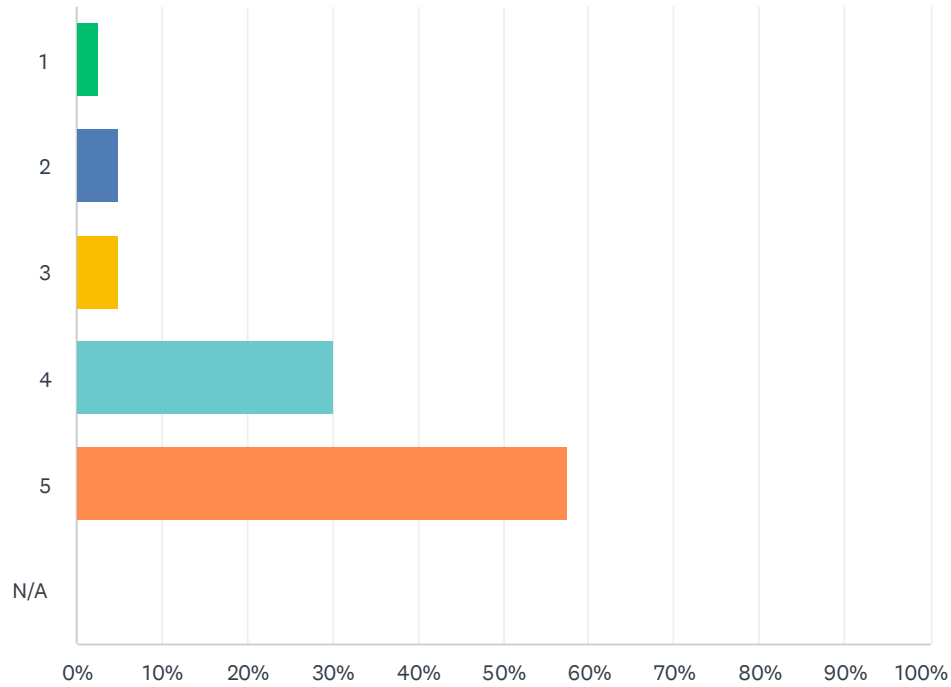
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Q8 Geopolitical Tensions - Overview and SAC: Steen Fjalstad, Director of Security, MRO

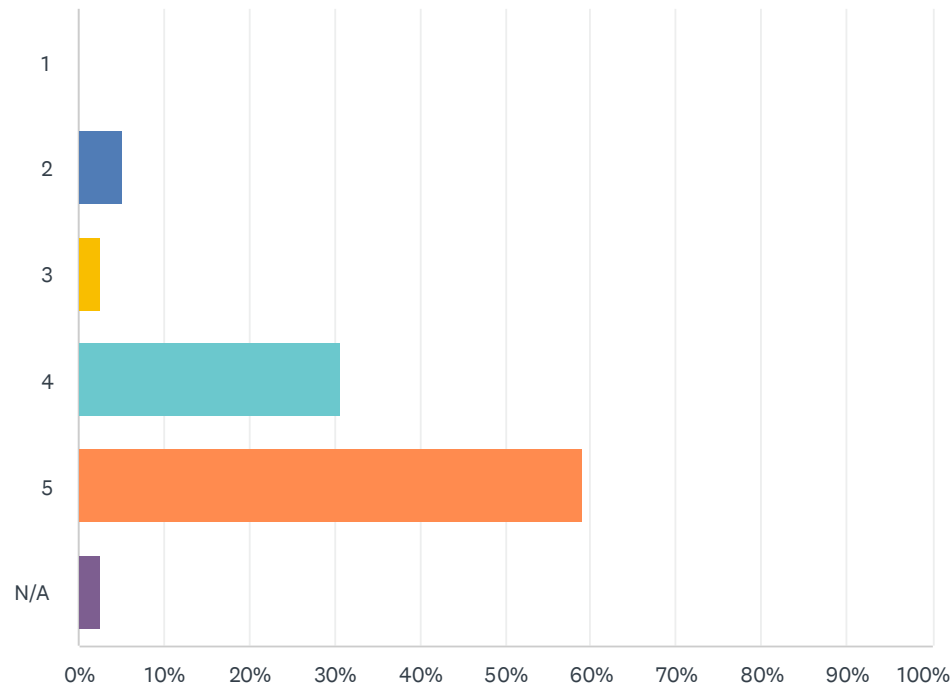
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Q9 Align Tool Update: Desirée Sawyer, MRO Align Change Agent, MRO

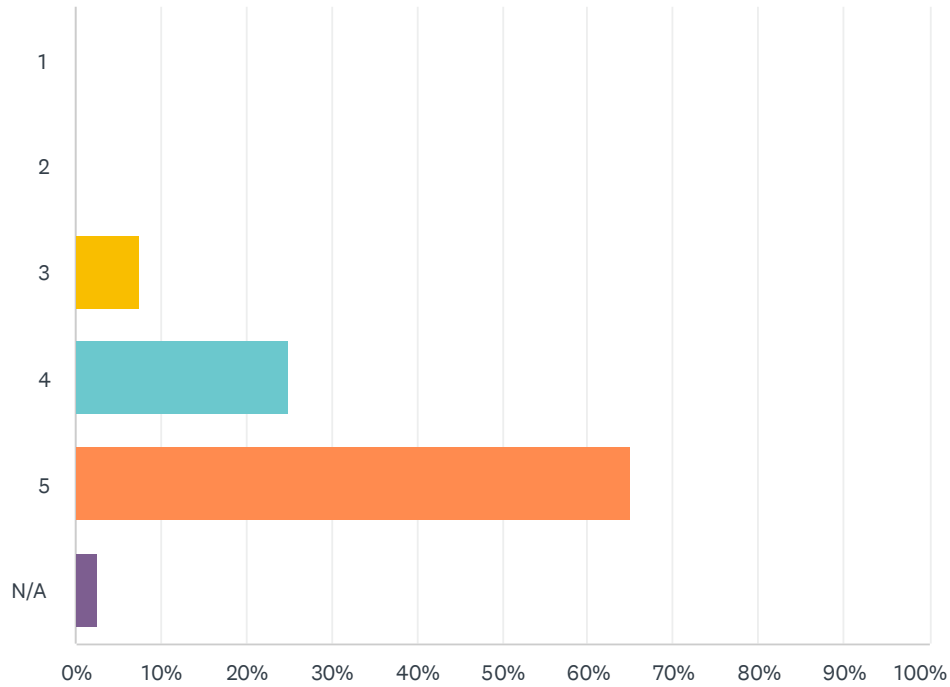
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Q10 Facility Ratings: Curtis Crews, Director, O&P Compliance and Risk Assessment, TexasRE

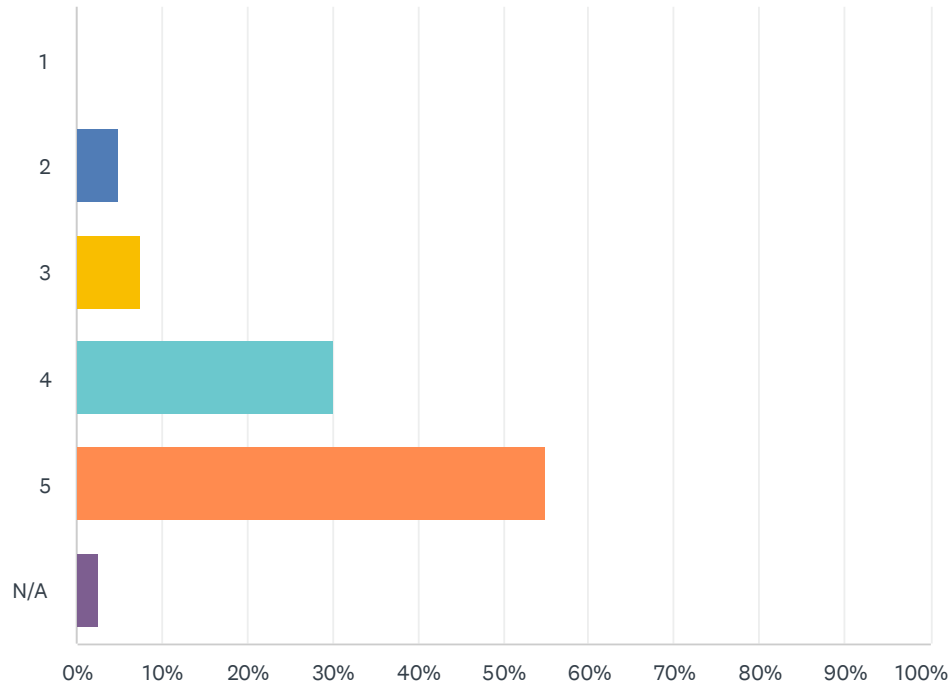
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Q11 Facility Ratings: Jeff Norman, Director of Compliance Monitoring, MRO

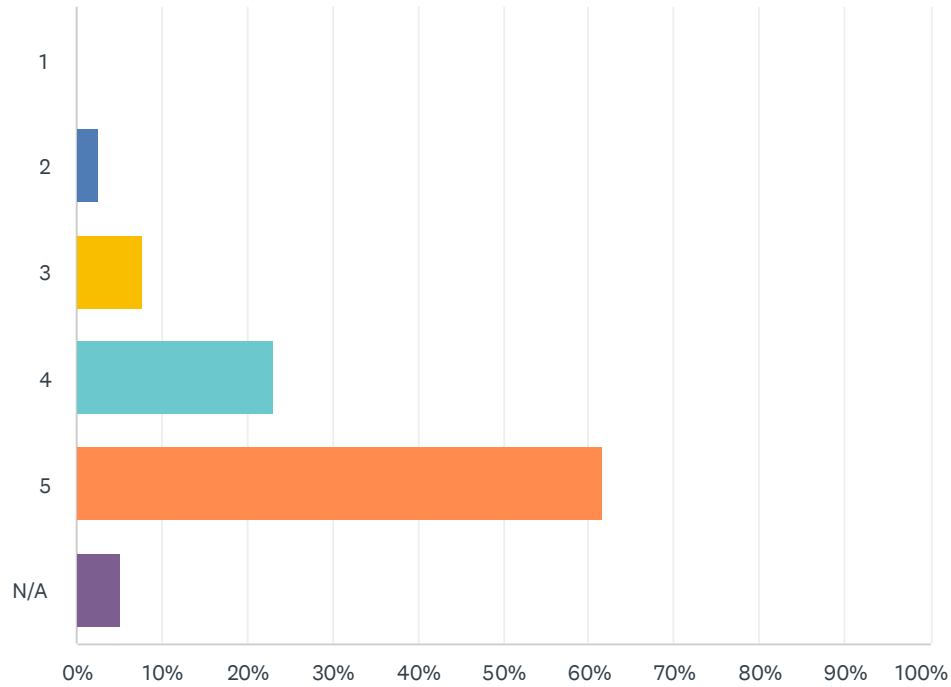
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Q12 Audit Best Practices and Preparations: Charles Wicklund, Senior Compliance Specialist, Otter Tail Power Company

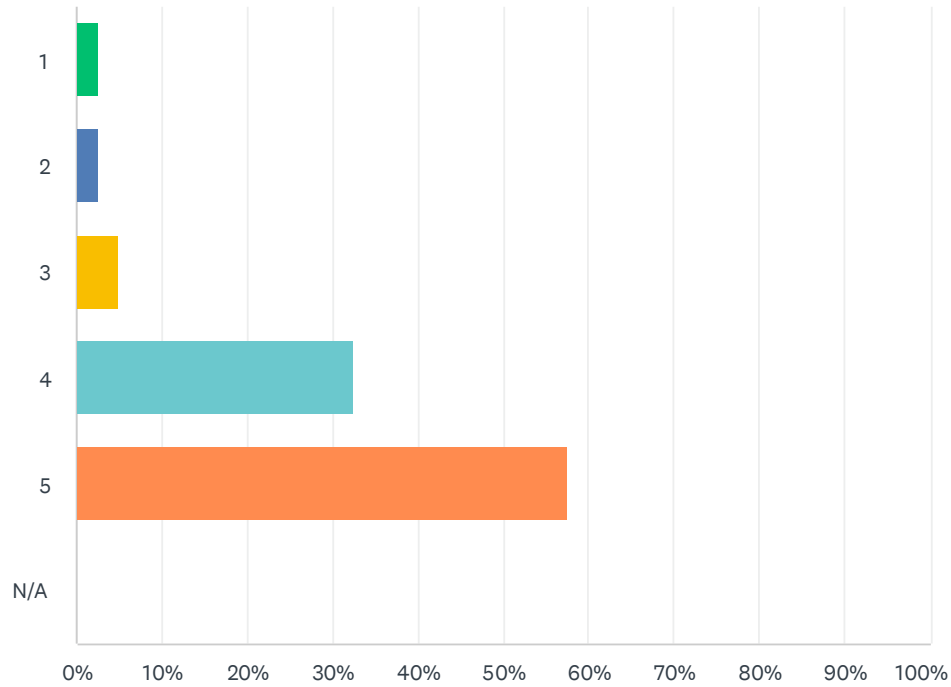
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Q13 Audit Best Practices and Preparations: Mark Buchholz, Compliance Manager, Western Area Power Administration

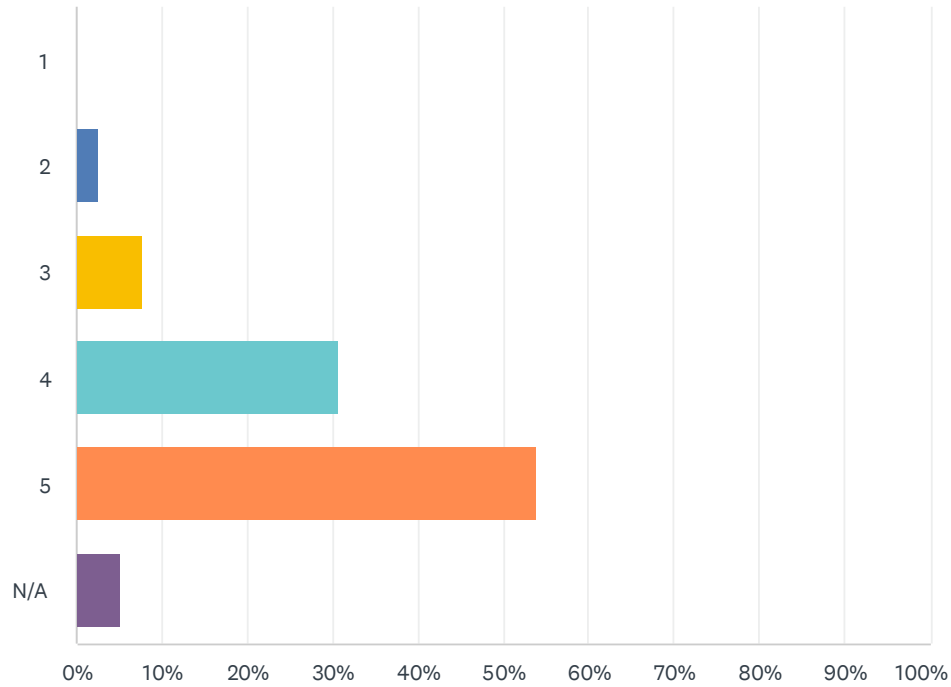
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5	57.50%	23
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TOTAL		40

Q14 Audit Best Practices and Preparations: Matt Caves, Senior Manager, Legal & Regulatory Compliance, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative

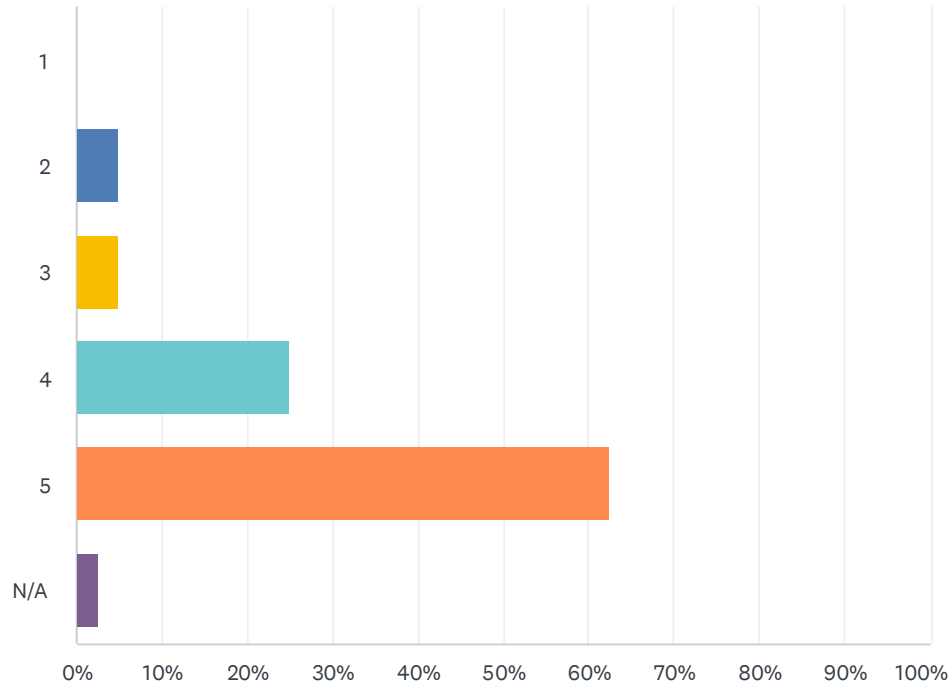
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Q15 Audit Best Practices and Preparations: Shonda McCain, Principal Compliance Engineer, Omaha Public Power District

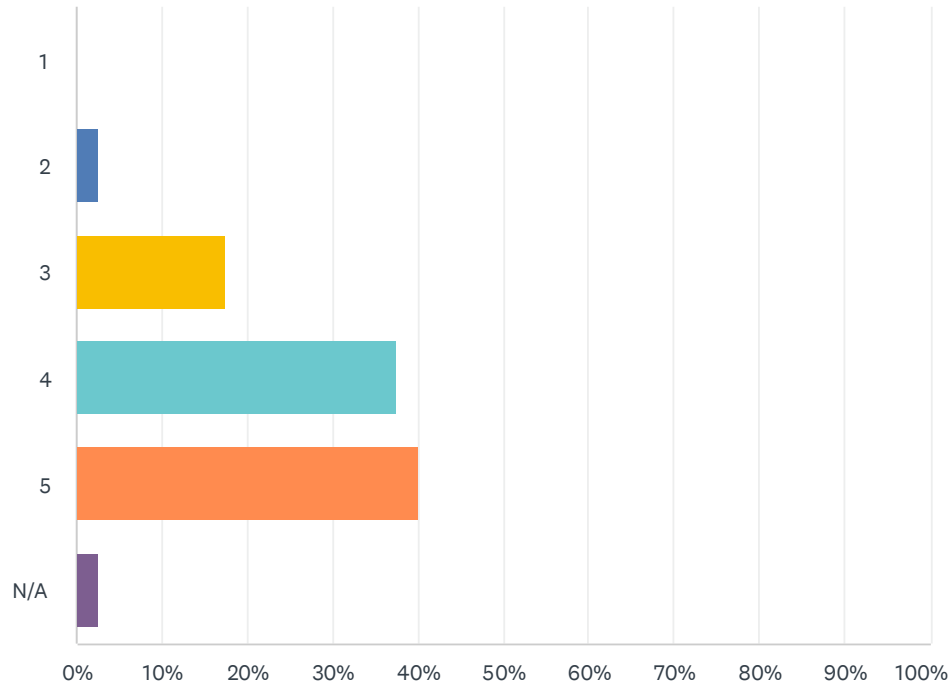
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Q16 Cold Weather - Practice Guide Overview: Sam Zewdie, Senior Compliance Engineer, O&P, MRO

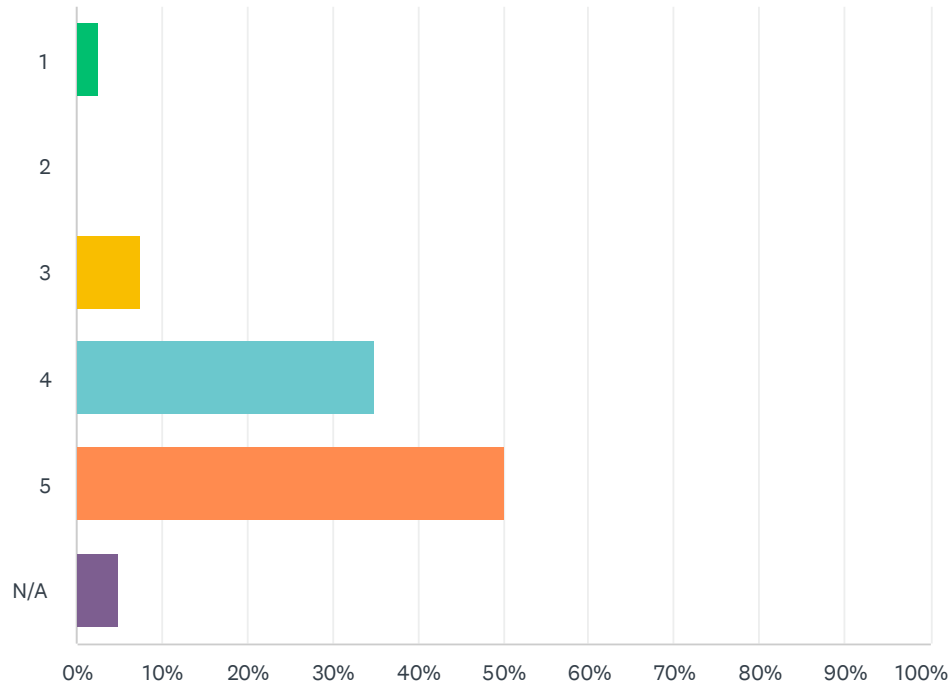
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Q17 Cold Weather - Inquiry/Generator Site Readiness Update: Bryan Clark, Director of Reliability Analysis, MRO

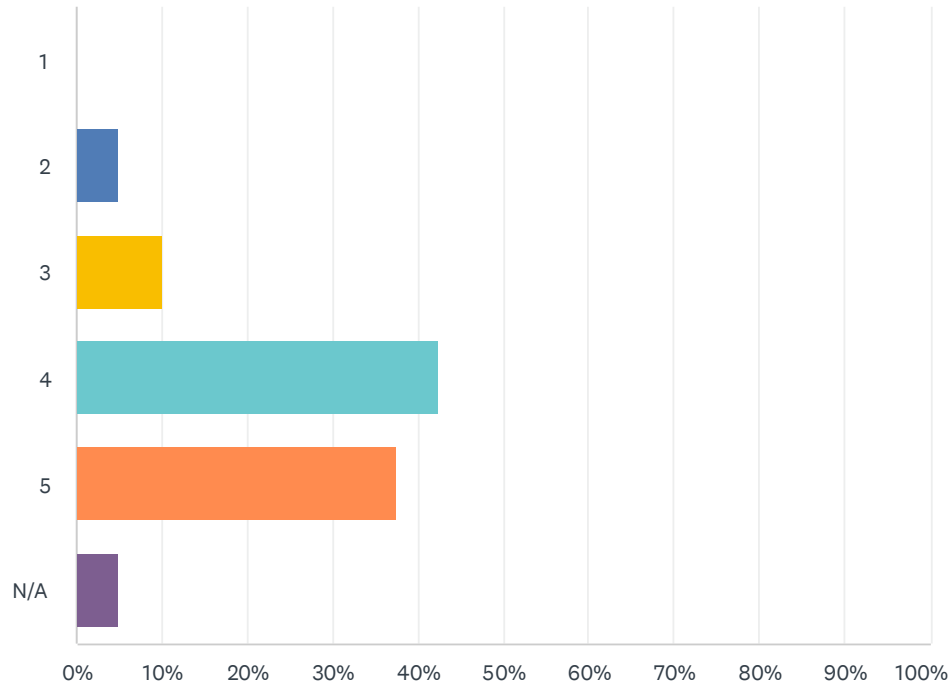
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5	50.00%	20
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TOTAL		40

Q18 ERO Transformation Update: Kiel Lyons, Senior Manager, Compliance Assurance, NERC

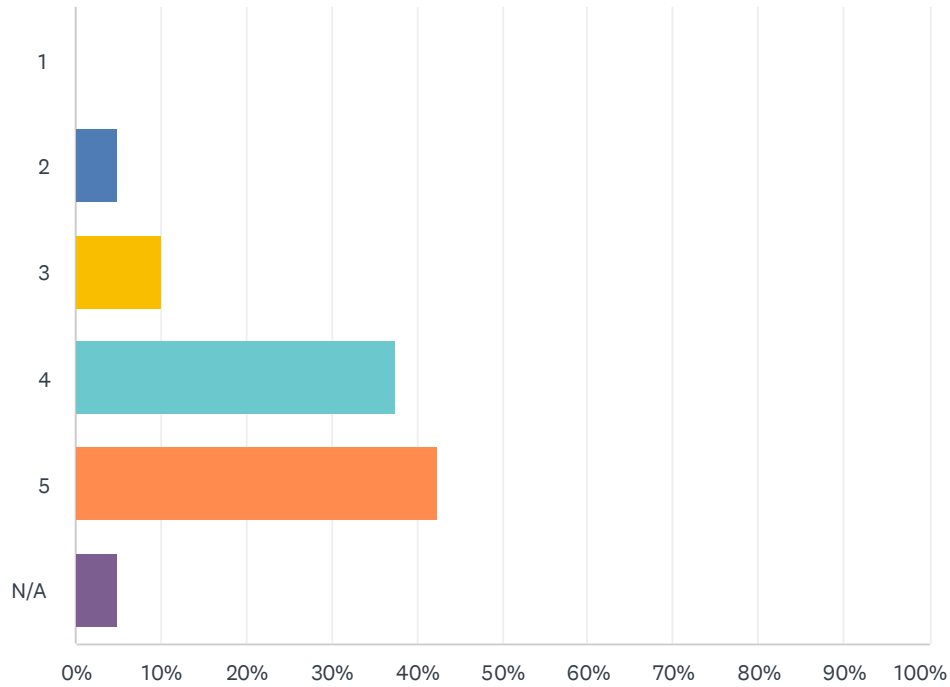
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TOTAL		40

Q19 ERO Transformation Update: Jeff Norman, Director of Compliance Monitoring, MRO

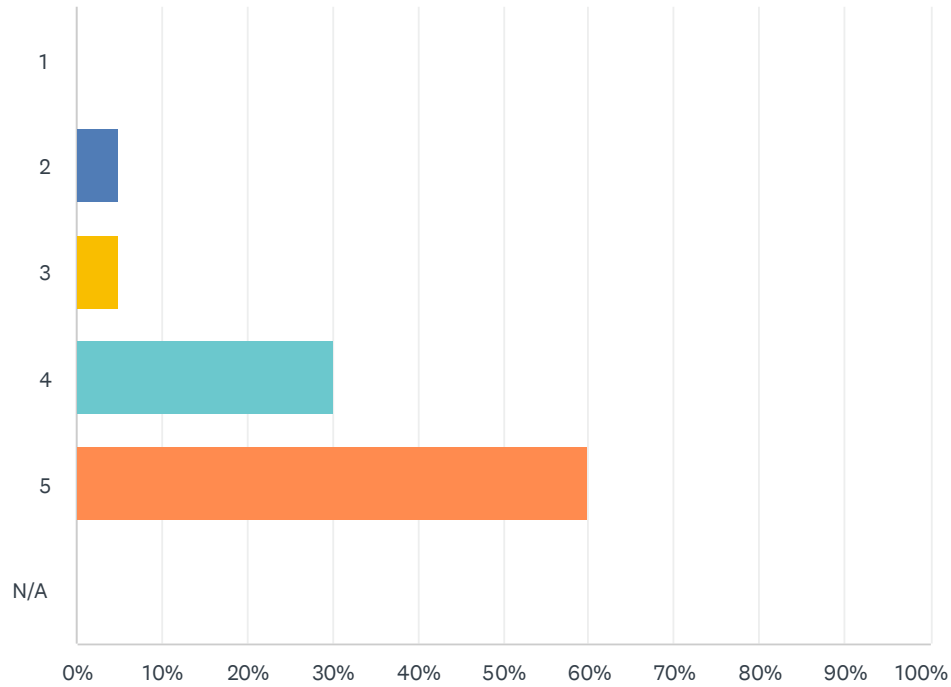
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3	10.00%	4
4	37.50%	15
5	42.50%	17
N/A	5.00%	2
TOTAL		40

Q20 Supply Chain - HERO Principles: Bob Foote, Substation CIP Compliance Analyst, Minnkota Power Cooperative

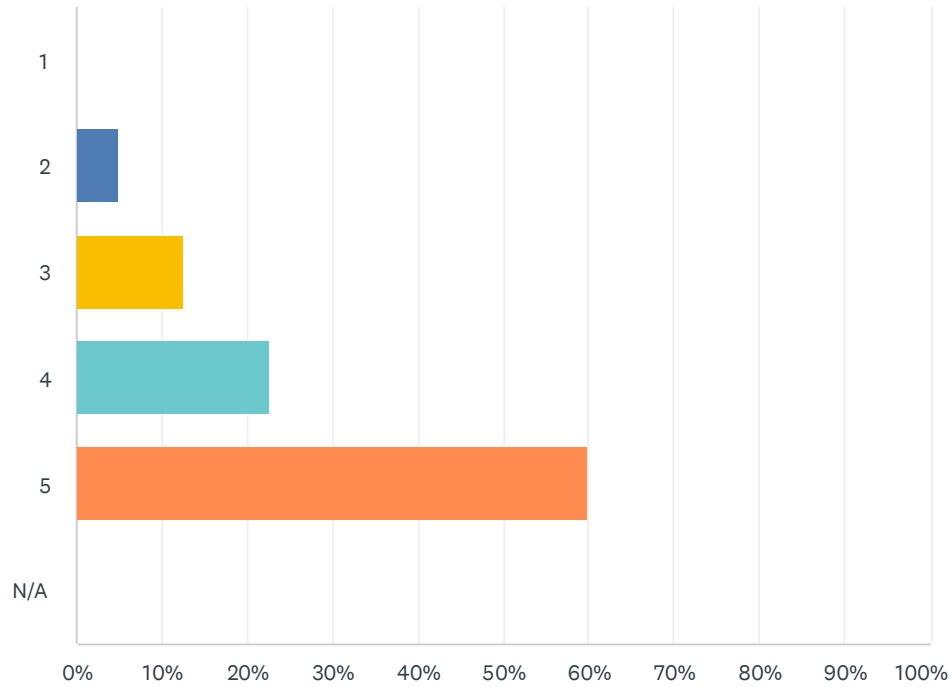
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3	5.00%	2
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5	60.00%	24
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TOTAL		40

Q21 Internal Controls Framework: Rich Samec, Principal Compliance Engineer, O&P, MRO

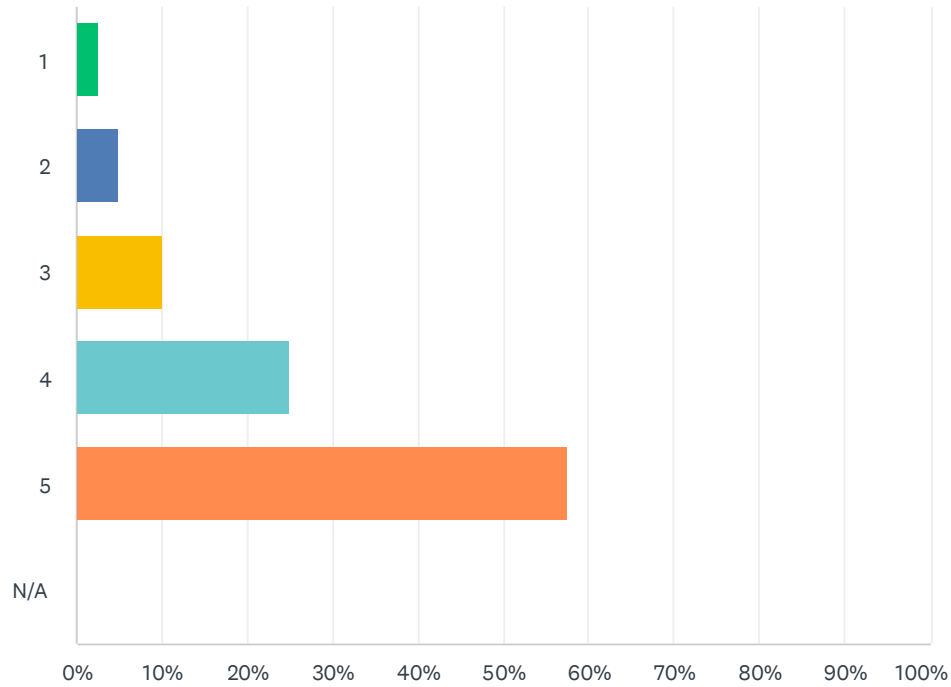
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3	12.50%	5
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TOTAL		40

Q22 Internal Controls Framework: Larry Johnson, Principal Compliance Auditor, CIP, MRO

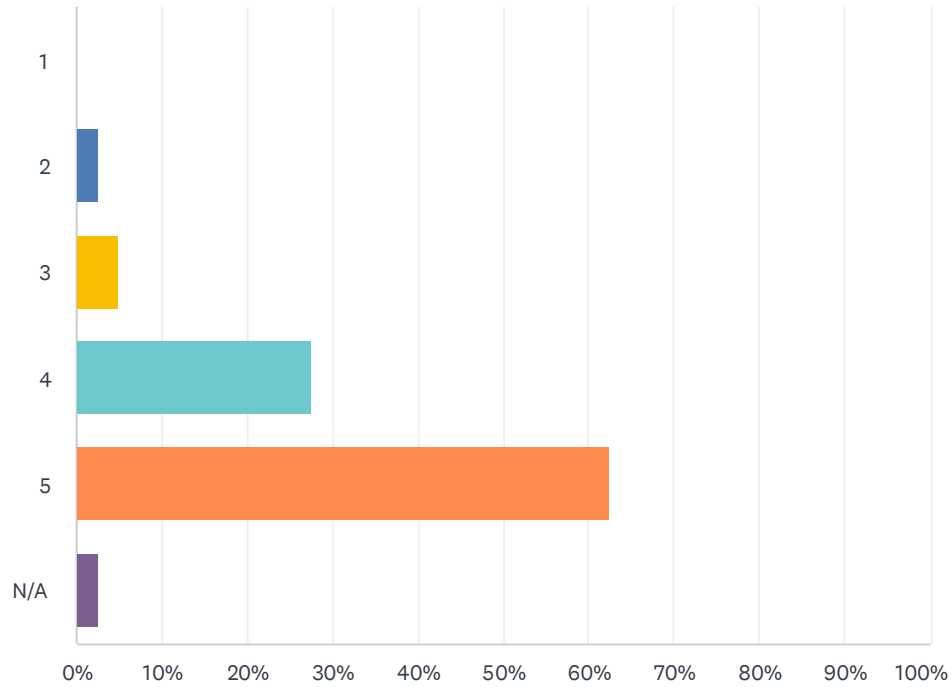
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3	10.00%	4
4	25.00%	10
5	57.50%	23
N/A	0.00%	0
TOTAL		40

Q23 Moving Forward: Hybrid Audits: Jess Syring, Compliance Monitoring Manager, CIP, MRO

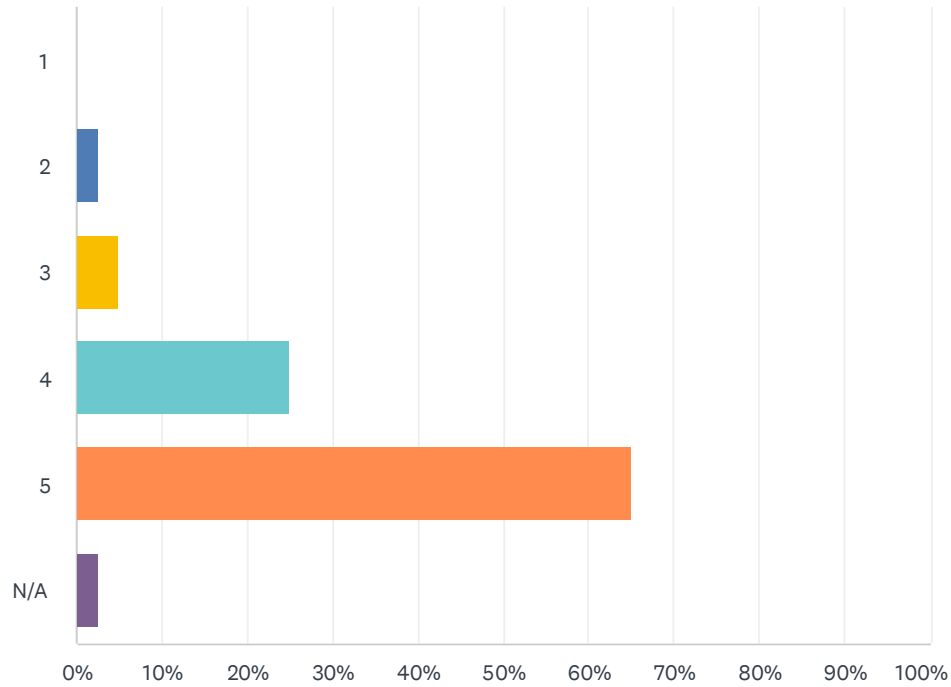
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
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2	2.50%	1
3	5.00%	2
4	27.50%	11
5	62.50%	25
N/A	2.50%	1
TOTAL		40

Q24 Moving Forward: Hybrid Audits: Julie Sikes, Compliance Monitoring Manager, O&P, MRO

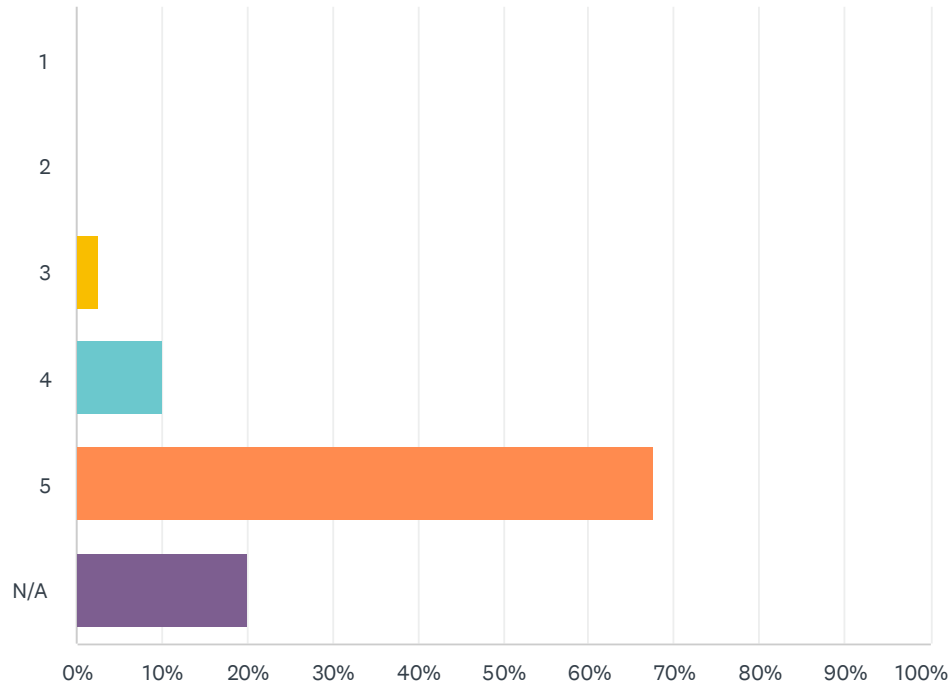
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3	5.00%	2
4	25.00%	10
5	65.00%	26
N/A	2.50%	1
TOTAL		40

Q25 Closing: Joe DePoorter, Director, NERC Compliance & Generation Operations, Madison Gas and Electric Company

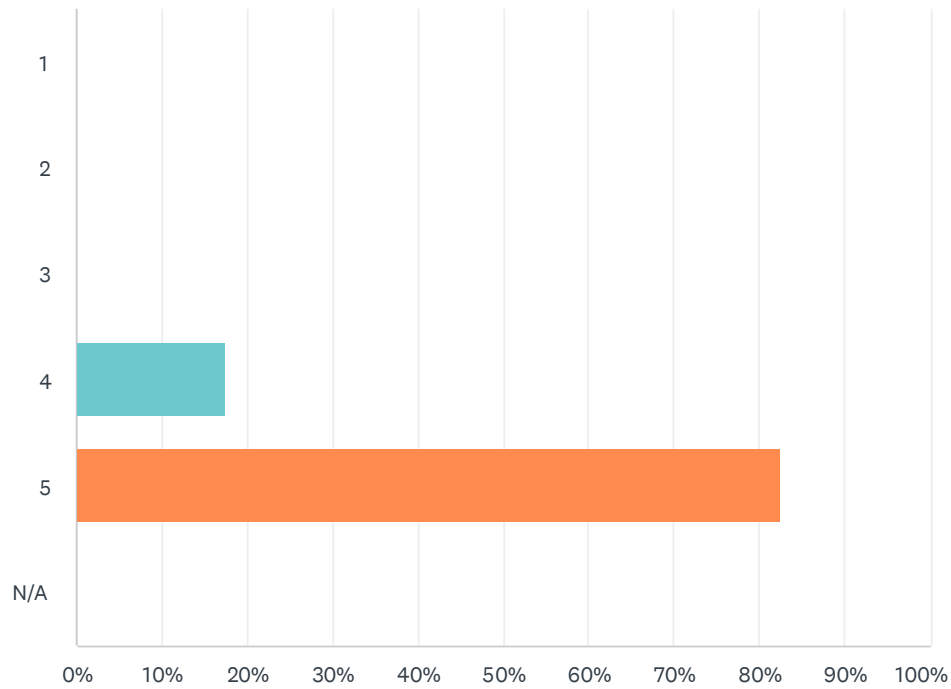
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
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3	2.50%	1
4	10.00%	4
5	67.50%	27
N/A	20.00%	8
TOTAL		40

Q26 Rate your experience with the registration process

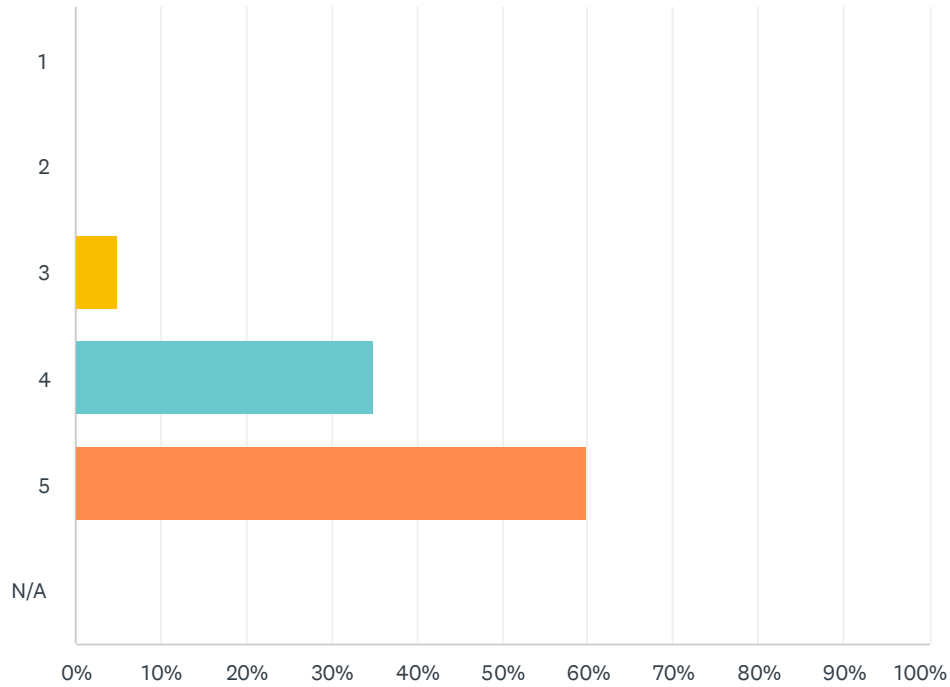
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
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2	0.00%	0
3	0.00%	0
4	17.50%	7
5	82.50%	33
N/A	0.00%	0
TOTAL		40

Q27 Rate the conference content

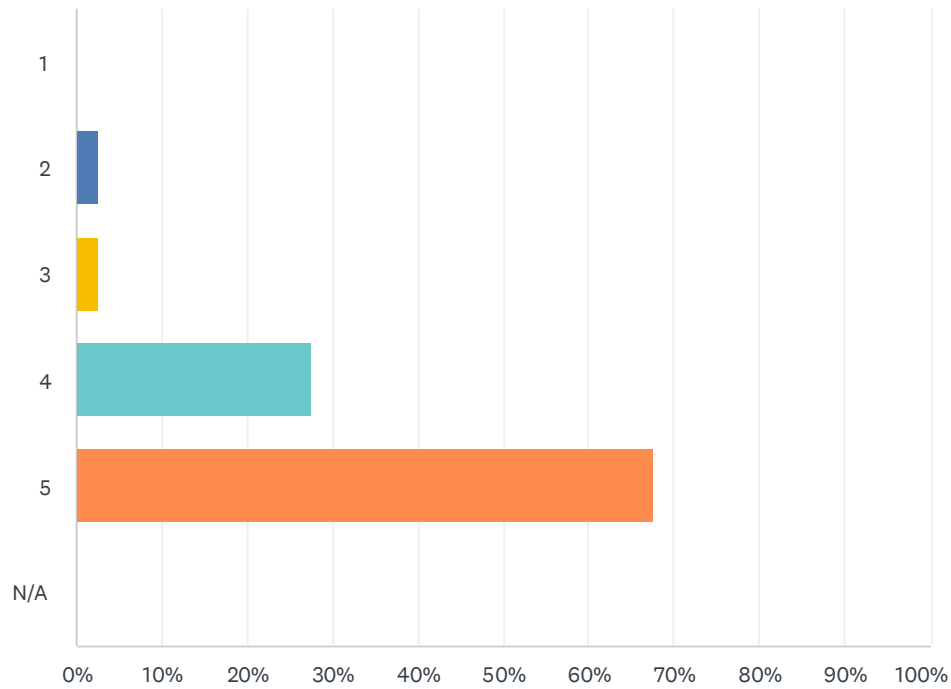
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	0.00%	0
2	0.00%	0
3	5.00%	2
4	35.00%	14
5	60.00%	24
N/A	0.00%	0
TOTAL		40

Q28 Rate your overall satisfaction with this conference

Answered: 40 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	0.00%	0
2	2.50%	1
3	2.50%	1
4	27.50%	11
5	67.50%	27
N/A	0.00%	0
TOTAL		40

Suggested topics for future conferences:	Other Comments:
Open-Ended Response	Open-Ended Response
- discussion of HEROS questions and the MRO responses—share as guidance or FAQ on website	- Remote presenters should all use video
Best Business Practices Major Changes at the ERO	Great conference. Glad to be back in person. Thanks for hosting the meet & greet!
continue to focus on controls related topics. A session on controls testing programs would be great.	Good agenda with valuable topics
Continue with the geopolitical discussions, steps to mature compliance programs, examples of MRO review and assessment of internal controls, significant new and changing.	More time for questions set up for speakers was great. One improvement would be a display for speakers showing their notes.
Dynamic Cine Ratings + FAC-008 (guidance, best practices, audit approach)	The CMEPAC and MRO staff did a very good job organizing and hosting the conference!
More information on Federal policy. As mandatory compliance matures, there seems to be a stronger correlation between federal policy and the requirements that find their way into the standards.	Like the Hybrid (In person / Webex) option!
	Great job by all!
	Great conference! Thank you!
	I already submitted a survey but have an additional comment. Provide a way to submit anonymous questions eg slido
	I liked how there was some more basic material that was suitable for the newer compliance person. The lunch was excellent!

Subteam Reports

b. Newsletter Subteam
Mark Buchholz, CMEPAC Member

Action

Information

Report

Mark Buchholz will provide an update during the meeting.

Subteam Reports

c. Calls Subteam
Carl Stelly, CMEPAC Member

Action
Information

Report

CMEPAC Monthly Call Metrics

Month	Attendees	Average Duration of Attendees
October 2020	54	47 Minutes
November 2020	57	56 Minutes
December 2020	47	48 Minutes
January 2021	74	65 Minutes
February 2021	78	54 Minutes
March 2021	75	47 Minutes
April 2021	65	46 Minutes
May 2021	70	54 Minutes
June 2021	63	68 Minutes
July 2021	72	67 Minutes
August 2021	70	53 Minutes
September 2021	73	48 Minutes
October 2021	59	72 Minutes
November 2021	54	59 Minutes
December 2021	54	56 Minutes
January 2022	71	57 Minutes
February 2022	52	61 Minutes

Meeting Agenda – CMEP Advisory Council – 9/21/2022

March 2022	57	67 Minutes
April 2022	66	61 Minutes
May 2022	58	59 Minutes
June 2022	51	61 Minutes
July 2022	64	37 Minutes
August 2022	53	27 Minutes
September 2022	63	55 Minutes

Currently there are 148 registered for the monthly calls.

Subteam Reports

d. Webinars Subteam

Terri Pyle, CMEPAC Chair

Action

Information

Report

Chair Pyle will provide an update during the meeting.

Standing Reports

- a. NERC Compliance and Certification Committee (NERC CCC)
Erin Cullum Marcussen, NERC CCC Member

Action

Information

Report

The NERC CCC report will begin on the next page.

CCC Report

The NERC Compliance and Certification Committee (CCC) convened its second quarter meeting via a hybrid meeting (in-person and WebEx) on July 21, 2022.

The CCC reviewed the previous meeting's minutes, action items, and the status of its Work plan for 2022.

Focused Discussion – Compliance Oversight Plans

NERC staff led a focused discussion on Compliance Oversight Plans (COPs). This was a joint discussion with representatives from across the ERO. NERC staff explained that COPs are dynamic and subject to changes (changes in risk factor ratings, emerging risks, etc...). Examples provided included FAC-008 changes, Solarwinds, adding more generation, adding a control center. Many different triggers can cause changes to a COP because it is a point in time document.

The ERO representatives explained that the ERO is still working on the continued maturation of the COP process. They look at risk factors, but also consider qualitative data. Qualitative data includes both performance considerations and how an entity is managing risks. Qualitative data considered will also include compliance history. NERC staff further explained that self reporting is not necessarily an indicator of negative or positive history, but that the relevant consideration is mitigation and prevention of recurrence and internal controls. Another example provided as qualitative data is an entity's violation history, but it is just one of the inputs. The ERO representatives emphasized that internal controls are important from a qualitative perspective (and noted that there is a lot of information on the RE websites regarding examples of good controls). Areas of Concern are identified as risks in a COP.

At this time, how inputs to the COP are collected may vary by regional entity. Regional entities will make an effort to share information with different parts of the RE (e.g. for MRO, RAM and Audit may share information relevant to the COP). Align will be a tool that can be used to facilitate sharing information among different business units within the ERO.

A CCC member asked how an entity could inform their CEA on progress they have made. The ERO representatives explained that documentation is key and advised that an entity should specifically call those things out in its responses back to the CEA's questionnaire. The ERO representatives also emphasized that the floor is always open. If an entity feels like they have made changes, they should always reach out and discuss those things with the CEA.

Additionally, a question was asked why the inputs causing a certain result/determination are considered secret, as it seems like knowing where the Regional Entity perceives that an entity is falling short would be important so the entity can address it. The ERO representatives explained that the ERO documents its review of internal controls, and therefore an entity will see concerns and positive observations noted elsewhere. The ERO did accept that this is a valid point, but explained that this is still evolving and noted that moving into Align is expected to help with visibility. It was further noted that this information is not secret, it is just not a public

spreadsheet. Rather, it is what they are using as a tool to collect this information. The ERO believes that the feedback given in the monitoring engagements should give the entity what they need to know about their performance and risks. For example, NPCC explained that it intends to use the results of the internal controls assessment tool in audit reports and then summarize it and put it into the revision to the COP for that entity. That will provide the basis for the scope of monitoring. In addition, it was noted that the timing of when an entity receives a COP may or may not impact the immediate engagement. An entity's ability to integrate the feedback from the COP may also depend on the timing on when the COP is received.

The ERO representatives noted that the goal is for everyone to have a COP, but explained that regions are still working on developing them for everyone. For any entities without a COP, the ERO will continue to work from Inherent Risk Assessments. There may be instances where the ERO does not have enough performance history to give credit, so not having demonstrated positive performance does not mean negative performance. Rather, it may mean there was no information on controls available at that time. If an entity has questions about the determinations in the COP, it should always reach out for more information. It was also noted that the industry average performance is "pretty good," so there is a high bar measured against a spectrum of entities measured against a similar level. The ERO will be trying to identify the 20% top performers with demonstrated positive performance. MRO noted that the new COP process is having really positive results. MRO noted that it is also tracking the engagement intervals they would be looking at if they were not constrained by the rules of procedure and believes that this will help them in discussions with FERC.

CCC members gave feedback on the terminology "lack of demonstrated positive performance" and believe that the wording can be improved. Concerns were also raised about alignment and consistency. Feedback was also given that there is a gap for entities trying to figure out where to begin in building a controls program. The desired end state is clear, but there is not a great deal of help or support in how to get there.

COVID-19 Lessons Learned

A brief overview was provided of challenges faced during COVID-19. One benefit noted was that we have learned we can all work well remotely, including audits. The feedback regarding audits has been positive, both with the audit related remote work as well as the reduction in travel budget. CCC engaged in discussion. It was noted that the audits conducted remotely had better structure and organization leading up to the audit, and better opportunities for clarifying discussion during the time leading up to the audit. Because of this, the actual audits were more efficient. The remote nature allowed the time and space for auditors to carve out the time for those conversations—if they had been offsite conducting other in person audits during that time it seems less likely that they would have been able to make the time for the pre-calls. The preference is to conduct a lot of the audit remotely in advance and minimize the onsite efforts to only focus on the things that they need to physically see. A possible model may be that the scope can determine the extent of the onsite engagement. There was also positive feedback shared that the remote audits allowed entities to focus on the audit itself rather than the audit logistics. Remote audits are also easier as entities have more and more remote staff—with

remote, they are not worrying about accommodating the auditors, but also do not have to worry with accommodating their own remote staff.

Subcommittee Reports

Verbal reports were received from the Nominating Subcommittee, EROMS, NERC Internal Audit, ORCS, as well as on the CCC Executive Committee and Program Alignment, NERC Standing Committee Coordination Group, and the NERC Board of Trustees and Members Representatives Committee, the Enterprise-wide Risk Committee, and the Reliability Issues Steering Committee. There were no voting items.

The next CCC meeting is October 11-13, 2022 in Cleveland, OH.

Standing Reports

- b. Facility Ratings Task Force (NERC FRTF)
Jon Radloff, NERC FRTF Member

Action

Information

Report

The 9/12/2022 FRTF was the second meeting of the current version of the FRTF. The first was in July, 2022.

FRTF Roster: <https://www.nerc.com/comm/RSTC/FRTF/FRTF%20Roster.pdf>

Agenda Item #1 – Discuss ERO Enterprise Themes and Best Practices for Sustaining Accurate Facility Ratings

- Since 2019 there have been efforts to align ERO concerns around facility ratings and industry efforts to define characteristics of healthy, sustainable facility ratings programs. This has materialized into two main documents:
 - ERO Enterprise Themes and Best Practices for Sustaining Accurate Facility Ratings
 - NATF Facility Ratings Practices
- These documents contain many of the same practices. The ERO document categorizes practices under four areas of concern, while the NATF document categorizes practices as unique elements of a facility ratings program.
- There are concerns around maintaining confidentiality during development of the ERO and industry documents, and the potential tie to compliance. It was discussed that both documents contain practices for a sustainable healthy facility ratings program, not compliance requirements.

Agenda Item 2 - SAR Drafting Team Update

- SAR Scope:
 - Clarify the term “jointly owned” as it applies to FAC-008, and what information is required to be shared with neighboring entities
 - Examine the appropriateness and effectiveness for Requirement 1 for the development of Facility Ratings information for Generation Facilities
 - Ensure that Requirement R6 is reviewed as a risk-based Requirement
- Regarding the 3rd bullet, Joey T (SDT Chair) added that the intent is to provide additional verbiage to focus on the intent of BES reliability, not just data collection
- The NERC FRTF and the SAR Standard Drafting Team must coordinate closely

Agenda Item 3 - FRTF Scope

- The current FRTF scope (<https://www.nerc.com/comm/RSTC/FRTF/FRTF%20Scope.pdf>) is intentionally broad, with the intent being to let the technical members refine focus on highest risk

- Industry understands best practices of a strong facility ratings program very well. What is needed are more technical details around what the ERO is seeing as problems, specifically from grid performance (reliability) perspective. This will allow the FRTF and technical members to focus on areas of highest risk.
 - Chair Ponseti provided some examples, noted that most were self-reports (not discovered by region) and all but one was inadvertent.
 - Current issues are not in lessons learned document format with issues and outcomes. This would be beneficial to the FRTF and technical members. While a full lessons learned document for all issues is not realistic, some additional details would help.
- Discussion around number of issues/self-reports vs. the actual impact on BES reliability, and that extent of condition, magnitude, duration, and impact all matter.

Agenda Item 4 - Next Steps

- Refine scope and priority
 - FRTF members are to send ideas to Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary
- Use scope and priority to develop Work Plan.

Agenda Item 5 - Future meeting logistics

- Monthly meetings, 2 weeks ahead of RSTC meetings
- 1-2 meetings in person per year
- Sub-teams TBD
- Develop work plan

Secretary McMeekin will work with RSTC to provide update

Standing Reports

c. NERC Standards Committee (SC)
Troy Brumfield, NERC SC Member

Action

Information

Report

- The SC met on 06/15/22 via WebEx.
- The committee reviewed the NERC Project Tracking spreadsheet and shared the status of Reliability Standards Projects under Development.
- NERC projects that were approved and will progress to the next phase of the Standards development process:

Project 2022-01 Reporting ACE Definition and Associated Terms

The committee accepted the revised Project 2022-01 Reporting Area Control Error (ACE) Definition and Associated Term Standard Authorization Request (SAR); authorized drafting revisions to the Reliability Standards identified in the SAR; and appointed the Project 2022-01 Reporting ACE Definition and Associated Term SAR Drafting Team (DT) as the Project 2022-01 Reporting ACE Definition and Associated Term Standard Drafting Team (SDT).

Project 2021-02 Modifications to VAR-002-4.1

Accepted the revised Project 2021-02 Modifications to VAR-002-4.1 Standard Authorization Request (SAR); authorized drafting revisions to the Reliability Standard identified in the SAR; appointed the Project 2021-02 Modifications to VAR-002-4.1 SAR Drafting Team (DT) as the Project 2021-02 Standard Drafting Team (SDT); and authorized a 30-day solicitation for nominations period for the Project 2021-02 Modifications to VAR-002-4.1 SDT to **add additional members of the SDT with specific industry expertise as Transmission Operators who receive and apply information to their respective Real-time assessment and Real-Time monitoring activities.**

Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources

This project is of importance to the NERC Board of Trustees as it is meant to address the increasing prevalence of distribution-level resources and flexible load programs that introduce added volatility into energy forecasts, further complicating operations energy reliability assessments. The committee accepted the two SARs that were submitted by the Energy Reliability Assessment Task Force (ERATF) proposing to address Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources; authorized posting of the two SARs for a 30 day informal comment period; and authorized for solicitation of SAR Drafting Team (DT) members

Project posting schedule and Project tracking spreadsheet

NERC agreed with committee members that the number of projects being posted has increased slightly and will significantly increase through the late summer months.

[NERC Project Tracking Spreadsheet](#)

[NERC Project Posting Schedule](#)

- Legal updates and Review of filings
- Adjournment

Standing Reports

- d. MRO NERC Standards Review Forum (NSRF)
George Brown, NSRF Chair

Action

Information

Report

The NSRF report will begin on the next page.

Third Quarter 2022 Report
George E. Brown, Chair
Matt Harward, Vice Chair

I. General

- NSRF Membership: 17/21
 - Cooperative: 3/3
 - Canadian Utility: 1/3
 - Federal Power Marketing Agency: 2/3
 - Generator and Power Marketer: 2/3
 - Investor Owned Utility: 3/3
 - Municipal Utility: 3/3
 - Transmission System Operator: 3/3
- NSRF Meeting Attendance: Year to Date, an average of 86 members and guests each week.

II. Activity

The NSRF continues to focus on reviewing, developing recommendations and providing feedback on potential NERC Reliability Standard requirements, including any associated supporting documentation.

- Project 2020-06 Verifications of Models and Data for Generators:
Comments Submitted & Ballot Recommendation Provided
- Project 2020-02 – Transmission-connected Dynamic Reactive Resources
Generator Ride-through (PRC-024-3 Replacement) | SAR:
Comments Submitted
- Project 2021-04 – Modifications to PRC-002 | Draft 1:
Comments Submitted & Ballot Recommendation Provided
- Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and
Coordination | Draft 2:
Comments Submitted & Ballot Recommendation Provided
- Project 2017-01 Modifications to BAL-003 - Phase II
Comments Submitted & Ballot Recommendation Provided
- Project 2020-03 Supply Chain Low Impact Revisions
Comments not Submitted & Ballot Recommendation Provided
- Project 2016-02 – Modifications to CIP Standards | Virtualization - Draft 4:
Comments Underdevelopment & Ballot Recommendation TBD

III. Emerging Challenges, Risks & Opportunities

The NSRF is a volunteer Forum that is comprised of industry professionals who understand that all NERC Reliability Standards must mitigate either a current risk or emerging risk to the BPS. The NSRF is building on the foundation that the CMEPAC and MRO Staff has set for our current and future state of reliability. Our challenge is to continually have a single voice that represents the entire MRO membership.

- Ensuring the NSRF membership is without open seats.
 - Consideration of any open NSRF membership seats become 'At-Large Seats' that are open to any industry sector, have a term of no greater than one year and no voting rights.

➤ **Open Actions from 1Q2022 CMEPAC Meeting:**

- The CMEPAC was not opposed to having 'At-Large Seats' on the NSRF. A small group meeting will be held to discuss this topic further and outline requirements/restrictions associated with having 'At-Large Seats' to further vet the possibility. Small group meeting pending.

IV. Questions for the MRO Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program Advisory Council

- Discuss the timeframe to ratify NSRF candidates after a special election and the possibility of shortening this timeframe through use of process that is outside of the various committees regularly scheduled meetings.
 - Example: NSRF Voted on 02-02-2022, CMEPAC to vote on 02-15-2021 and OGOC to vote & ratify on 04-06-2022. A total of 63 days.

➤ **Open Actions from 1Q2022 CMEPAC Meeting:**

- The CMEPAC understood the concern in regards to the timeframe to ratify NSRF candidates and requested that this is discussed as a part of the aforementioned small group meeting. Small group meeting pending.

V. Other

- None

Standing Reports

- e. Mid-Continent Compliance Forum (MCCF)
Mark Buchholz, CMEPAC and MCCF Member

Action

Information

Report

The Mid-Continent Compliance Forum (MCCF) provides Registered Entities in the MRO footprint of the Eastern Interconnection a venue to share knowledge, lessons learned and best practices regarding compliance matters. The MCCF Steering Committee is established to coordinate MCCF meetings, develop meetings agendas, and communicate on compliance matters and actions by MCCF members. MCCF Steering Committee meets monthly via conference call or WebEx.

The MCCF Steering Committee last met on August 17, 2022, via WebEx. Topics from MCCF meetings since the last report included: Update on the transition to a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and move from a Steering Committee to a Board of Directors and planning for the Fall MCCF meeting tentatively scheduled for December 7, 2022, from 1:00 to 4:30 pm. Discussion also included coordinating future meetings with MRO CMEPAC Meetings or other MRO events to utilize travel opportunities more efficiently for participants.

The next MCCF Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2022, via WebEx.

Standing Reports

- f. SPP Reliability Compliance Advisory Group (RCAG)
Mark Buchholz, CMEPAC and RCAG Member

Action

Information

Report

The SPP Reliability Compliance Advisory Group (RCAG) provides guidance on policy issues to the SPP RTO on reliability compliance activities of federal or regional regulators, or committees. It also provides expertise to other SPP Working Groups on membership issues related to regional compliance matters specific to execution, interpretation, or implementation of federal or regional regulatory requirements. The RCWG provides a stakeholder forum to encourage membership discussion of regional compliance issues and provide a means to communicate collectively membership concerns or issues with SPP RTO Compliance staff on matters of NERC Reliability Standard Compliance.

The SPP RCAG last met on August 15, 2022, via WebEx. Meeting minutes are available on the SPP.org website. Topics from RCAG meetings since the last report included:

Stakeholder Compliance Contacts Update; Proactive Collaboration between SPP and the RCAG; Customer Relations Management Tool; Changes to the SPP BA Emergency Operating Procedure; and Project 2021-07 Extreme Cold Weather Operations. No stakeholder meetings will be scheduled on-site for the foreseeable future.

The next SPP RCAG Meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2022, via WebEx.

Standing Reports

- g. NERC Reliability and Security Technical Committee (NERC RSTC)
Terri Pyle, CMEPAC Chair

Action

Information

Report

Terri Pyle will lead this discussion during the meeting.

Work Plan Updates

Terri Pyle, CMEPAC Chair

Action

Information

Report

The work plan is available on the CMEPAC Collaboration site. It will also be presented during the meeting. Please come prepared to discuss any updates or additions to the work plan.

Regional Risk Assessment Update
Mark Tiemeier, Principal Technical Advisor, MRO

Action

Information

Report

Mark Tiemeier will provide an update during the meeting.

Risk Document Review and Discussion

Jeff Norman, Director of Compliance Monitoring, MRO

Terri Pyle, CMEP Advisory Council Chair

George Brown, NSRF Chair

Action

Information

Report

Jeff Norman, Terri Pyle, and George Brown will lead this discussion during the meeting.

Self-Cert Process Continuous Improvement Effort

Jeff Norman, MRO Director of Compliance Monitoring and Staff Liaison

Action

Review and Discussion

Report

Jeff Norman will lead this discussion during the meeting.

Action Item Review
Michelle Olson, CMEPAC Meeting Secretary

Action

Discussion

Report

Michelle Olson will review all open action items and will discuss all action items logged from this meeting.

Other Business and Adjourn

Terri Pyle, CMEPAC Chair

Action

Discussion

Report

Chair Pyle will call for any other business and once all business handled the meeting will adjourn